The Professional Educator Standards Board Members

Stephen Rushing is Chair of the PESB and represents public school principals. He is an elementary school principal in the Bethel School District.

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June Canty, representing public higher education, is a professor and Director of Education Programs at Washington State University, Vancouver.

Gary Cohn, representing superintendents, is the Superintendent of Port Angeles School District.

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Theodore Howard II, representing public school principals, is a high school principal in the Seattle School District.

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Myra Johnson, representing educational staff associates, is an elementary school counselor in the Clover Park School District.

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